

REMARKS

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Official Action. All informalities are believed to be cured by such amendments.

Rejections under §112

Pending claims 12, 13, 24, and 44 as well as withdrawn claims 5 and 21 have been amended as suggested by the Official Action. Claims 25, 36, and 44 have not been amended as suggested by the Official Action. Applicant notes that claims 25, 36, and 44 depend from claim 1 which introduces the "first seat." The suggested amendments for claims 25, 36, and 44 would cause the respective claims to again introduce a "first seat." Applicant believes that claims 25, 36, and 44 are definite in their current form. Furthermore, Applicant believes that the amendments to claims 12, 13, 24, 5, and 21 cure the indefiniteness cited by the Official Action.

Rejections under §102 and §103

Claim 1 was previously amended to require, "a bumper coupled to the expansion portion such that movement by the expansion portion between the retracted position and the extended position causes the bumper to move therewith." Similarly, claim 15 was amended to require, "a bumper movable between a first bumper position and a second bumper position." None of the cited references teach such limitations. Furthermore, all pending claims, except for claims 24, 37, 47, 48, and 50 which were previously noted to contain allowable subject matter, depend from either claim 1 or claim 15. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12-14, 20, 24, 25, 36, 37, and 42-55 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

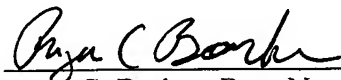
Conclusion

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12-14, 20, 24, 25, 36, 37, and 42-55 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested. In the event of the allowance of either or both of claims 1 and 15, examination of the withdrawn claims depending from the allowed independent claim 1, 15, or both is also requested.

If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to effect a timely response. Please charge any additional fees or credits to the account of Baker & Daniels LLP Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

In the event that there are any questions related to these amendments or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan C. Barker, Reg. No. 47, 405
Baker & Daniels LLP
300 North Meridian Street, Suite 2700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Telephone: (317) 237-8690
Facsimile: (317) 237-1000
Email: ryan.barker@bakerd.com